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TAGS: MASS, PGOV, IR
SUBJECT: SENATE INQUIRY RE BELL HELICOPTER PAYMENTS IN IRAN

REF: A) STATE 36615, B) KATHMANDU 787, C) STATE 42222

1. THIS MESSAGE SUPPLEMENTS MEMORANDUM DICTATED
FEBRUARY 13 BY PHONE FROM NEW YORK TO PERCIVAL IN
INS AS PRELIMINARY RESPONSE TO SUBJECT INQUIRY AND
SEEKS TO BE AS RESPONSIVE AS POSSIBLE TO SENATE COMMITTEE
REQUEST.

2. UPON MY RETURN TO KATHMANDU, I HAVE CHECKED WHAT FEW
RECORDS ARE AVAILABLE TO ME THAT ARE RELEVANT TO
THIS MATTER AND TO BEST OF MY RECOLLECTION ANSWERS TO
QUESTIONS IN PARA 3 OF REF A ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. NO
 2. N/A
 3. N/A
 4. N/A
 5. SEE BELOW
 6. SEE BELOW
 7. NO
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9. NO
- 10 NO
11. NO
12. NO

3. REGARDING QUESTIONS FIVE AND SIX, AS FAR AS I CAN
RECALL MY CONTACTS WITH BELL AND/OR TEXTRON OFFICIALS

IN IRAN COMPRISED A) COURTESY CALLS BY SUCH OFFICIALS TO MY OFFICE ON THEIR ARRIVAL IN IRAN. I DO NOT HAVE NAMES OF SUCH OFFICIALS, BUT MY RECOLLECTION IS THAT WE DISCUSSED LOGISTICAL AND OTHER PROBLEMS BELL FACED IN SETTLING INTO IRAN, AND B) VISIT TO ISFAHAN TO DISCUSS WITH BELL OFFICIALS HOUSING AND SCHOOLING PROBLEMS THEIR PERSONNEL FACED, AND TO ASSIST BELL IN COPING WITH AND REDUCING CULTURAL SHOCK WHICH BELL PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILITES MIGHT ENCOUNTER AS THEY ATTEMPTED TO ADAPT TO NEW AND FOREIGN ENVIRONMENT. ONLY RECORD AVAILABLE TO ME OF THESE CONTACTS WAS A DINNER I ATTENDED AT SHAH ABBAS HOTEL IN ISFAHAN ON JULY 30, 1978, AT WHICH BELL VICE PRESIDENT A. G. SMITH AND MR. AND MRS FRANK TOPPINGS, ALSO OF BELL, WERE PRESENT.

4. LETTER FOLLOWS BY POUCH.
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